

invisible water core after January 31st of the year following the year of production. Each apple of this grade has the amount of color specified in § 51.305 for the variety. (See §§ 51.305 and 51.307.)

§ 51.301 U.S. Fancy.

“U.S. Fancy” consists of apples of one variety which are mature but not overripe, carefully hand-picked, clean, fairly well formed; free from decay, internal browning, internal breakdown, bitter pit, Jonathan spot, scald, freezing injury, visible water core, and broken skins and bruises except those which are incident to proper handling and packing. The apples are also free from damage caused by russetting, sunburn or sprayburn, limb rubs, hail, drought spots, scars, stem or calyx cracks, disease, insects, invisible water core after January 31st of the year following the year of production, or damage by other means. Each apple of this grade has the amount of color specified in § 51.305 for the variety. (See §§ 51.305 and 51.307.)

§ 51.302 U.S. No. 1.

The requirements of this grade are the same as for U.S. Fancy except for color, russetting, and invisible water core. In this grade less color is required for all varieties with the exception of the yellow and green varieties other than Golden Delicious. Apples of this grade are free from excessive damage caused by russetting which means that apples meet the russetting requirements for U.S. Fancy as defined under the definitions of “damage by russetting”, except the aggregate area of an apple which may be covered by smooth net-like russetting shall not exceed 25 percent; and the aggregate area of an apple which may be covered by smooth solid russetting shall not exceed 10 percent: *Provided*, That in the case of the Yellow Newtown or similar varieties the aggregate area of an apple which may be covered with smooth solid russetting shall not exceed 20 percent. Each apple of this grade has the amount of color specified in § 51.305 for the variety. There is no requirement in this grade pertaining to invisible water core. (See §§ 51.305 and 51.307.)

(a) *U.S. No. 1 Early*. “U.S. No. 1 Early” consists of apples which meet the requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade except as to color and maturity, and meet a minimum size requirement. Apples of this grade have no color requirements, need not be mature, and are not less than 2 inches in diameter. This grade is provided for varieties such as Duchess, Gravenstein, Red June, Twenty Ounce, Wealthy, Williams, Yellow Transparent, and Lodi, or other varieties which are normally marketed during the summer months. (See § 51.307.)

(b) *U.S. No. 1 Hail*. “U.S. No. 1 Hail” consists of apples which meet the requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade except that hail marks where the skin has not been broken, and well healed hail marks where the skin has been broken, are permitted: *Provided*, The apples are fairly well formed. (See §§ 51.305 and 51.307.)

§ 51.303 U.S. Utility.

“U.S. Utility” consists of apples of one variety which are mature but not overripe, carefully hand-picked, not seriously deformed; free from decay, internal browning, internal breakdown, scald, and freezing injury. The apples are also free from serious damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, broken skins, bruises, russetting, sunburn or sprayburn, limb rubs, hail, drought spots, scars, stem or calyx cracks, visible water core, disease, insects, or other means. (See § 51.307.)

§ 51.304 Combination grades.

(a) Combinations of the above grades may be used as follows:

(1) Combination U.S. Extra Fancy and U.S. Fancy;

(2) Combination U.S. Fancy and U.S. No. 1;

(3) Combination U.S. No. 1 and U.S. Utility.

(b) Combinations other than these are not permitted in connection with the U.S. apple grades. When Combination grades are packed, at least 50 percent of the apples in any lot shall meet the requirements of the higher grade in the combination. (See § 51.307.)